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In re application : R. Edward Winters
Parent Serial No. : 09/846,565
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For : LOW PROFILE EXPANDABLE HOOP SUPPORT
DEVICE FOR FLEXIBLE TUBES
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In the response to the Office Action mailed 15 November 2006
regarding the above-identified patent application, please amend the
application as follows:

In the claims

Please amend the claims according to the following pages 2-6.



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THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.
The following items checked below are applicable.

☐ A Petition for Extension of Time for month is hereby made, under provisions of §1.136(a), and a check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed according to §1.17.

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☐ Other:

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	(Col. 1)	(Col.2)	(Col.3)	SMALL ENTITY***	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
Claims	Highest No.	Present	Rate	Add'l OR	Rate
After	Previously	Extra		Fee	
Amendment	Paid For				Fee
TOTAL CLAIMS	18 MINUS *	= 0	X25 =	\$ 0	X50 \$
INDEP. CLAIMS	3 MINUS **	= 0	X100 =	\$ 0	X200 \$
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE					
DEPENDANT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+180	\$ 0	+360 \$
* Appl. Base	TOTAL = 20				
** Appl. Base	INDEPENDENT = 3		TOTAL	\$ 0	TOTAL \$
*** Small Entity	previously claimed				

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